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NWT Labour Force Activity
- April 2013 -

Statistics Canada estimates that, in April 2013, out of 32,100 residents 15 years of age and older 21,700 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories, representing an employment rate of 67.6%. Nationally, Canada's employment rate stood at 61.0%.

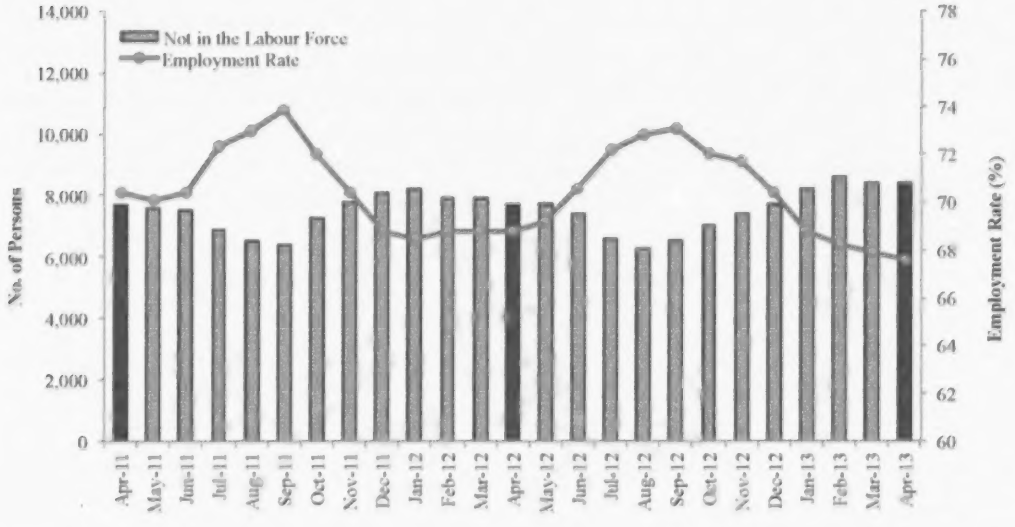
Compared to last month the employment rate increased in most jurisdictions in Canada with the exception of Nunavut, Alberta, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

This is the seventh consecutive month that the number of employed persons and the employment rate has decreased. Conversely, those persons not in the labour force have generally increased over the past seven months. Compared to April 2012, the number of persons not in the labour force has increased by 700.

Table 1 Monthly Highlights
Northwest Territories, April 2013

	Apr-13	Mar-13	Apr-12
Population	32,100	32,100	32,100
Labour Force	23,700	23,700	24,300
Employed	21,700	21,800	22,100
Unemployed	2,000	1,900	2,200
Not in Labour Force	8,400	8,400	7,700
Participation (%)	73.8	73.8	75.7
Employment (%)	67.6	67.9	68.8
Unemployment (%)	8.4	8.0	9.1

Figure 1 Employment Rates, Northwest Territories, 2011-2013



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Between March and April 2013, the employment rate did not change for many key characteristics. However, there was a decline by 1.5-percentage points in youth employment, as well as slight decreases for Yellowknife and for Aboriginal persons. In contrast, the employment rate for communities outside Yellowknife increased slightly.

Table 2 ***Employment Rates by Key Characteristics Northwest Territories***

	Apr-13	Mar-13	Feb-13	Jan-13	Dec-12	Nov-12
Northwest Territories	67.6	67.9	68.2	68.8	70.4	71.7
15-24 Yrs.	39.4	40.9	41.8	43.3	44.8	47.8
25 Yrs. & Over	74.9	74.9	74.9	75.6	77.2	78.0
Males	68.7	68.7	69.3	70.5	73.3	73.3
Females	67.1	67.1	67.1	67.1	67.7	70.3
Aboriginal	50.7	50.7	51.1	52.8	54.2	56.7
Non-Aboriginal	81.6	82.1	81.8	82.1	83.2	83.3
Yellowknife	79.6	80.0	80.1	80.0	80.3	81.9
Other	56.7	56.3	57.0	58.4	61.0	62.4

From April 2012 to April 2013, total employment decreased by 400 persons, however there were large shifts in the types of jobs. Part-time employment decreased by 900, but was offset by an increase of 500 to full-time employment. Similarly, there was a movement from public employees and self-employment to the public sector. Jobs in goods producing industries increased by 300 while those in service producing industries decreased by 600.

Table 3 ***Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics Northwest Territories, April 2013***

				Mar-13 to Apr-13	Apr-12 to Apr- 13
	Apr-13	Mar-13	Apr-12	Change (persons)	
Total Employment	21,700	21,800	22,100	(100)	(400)
Full-time	19,600	19,400	19,100	200	500
Part-time	2,100	2,400	3,000	(300)	(900)
Employees	20,400	20,500	20,500	(100)	(100)
Public	9,900	10,100	10,500	(200)	(600)
Private	10,500	10,400	10,000	100	500
Self-employment	1,300	1,300	1,600	-	(300)
Goods Producing	3,800	3,700	3,500	100	300
Service Producing	18,000	18,100	18,600	(100)	(600)

The following table presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

Table 4 ***Labour Force Activity***
Northwest Territories

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployed	Not in the Labour Force	Participation Rate	Unemployment Rate	Employment Rate
Apr-13	32,100	23,700	21,700	2,000	8,400	73.8	8.4	67.6
Mar-13	32,100	23,700	21,800	1,900	8,400	73.8	8.0	67.9
Feb-13	32,100	23,500	21,900	1,600	8,600	73.2	6.8	68.2
Jan-13	32,100	23,900	22,100	1,700	8,200	74.5	7.1	68.8
Dec-12	32,100	24,400	22,600	1,800	7,700	76.0	7.4	70.4
Nov-12	32,100	24,700	23,000	1,700	7,400	76.9	6.9	71.7
Oct-12	32,100	25,000	23,100	1,900	7,000	77.9	7.6	72.0
Sep-12	32,000	25,600	23,400	2,200	6,500	80.0	8.6	73.1
Aug-12	32,000	25,700	23,300	2,300	6,300	80.3	8.9	72.8
Jul-12	32,000	25,400	23,100	2,300	6,600	79.4	9.1	72.2
Jun-12	32,000	24,700	22,600	2,100	7,400	77.2	8.5	70.6
May-12	32,100	24,300	22,200	2,100	7,700	75.7	8.6	69.2
Previous Years:								
Apr-12	32,100	24,300	22,100	2,200	7,700	75.7	9.1	68.8
Apr-11	32,100	24,400	22,600	1,800	7,700	76.0	7.4	70.4
Apr-10	32,200	22,200	20,600	1,600	10,100	68.9	7.2	64.0
Apr-09	32,100	22,900	21,800	1,100	9,200	71.3	4.8	67.9
Apr-08	32,100	23,900	22,500	1,400	8,100	74.5	5.9	70.1
Apr-07	31,500	24,700	23,400	1,300	6,900	78.4	5.3	74.3
Apr-06	31,200	23,900	22,800	1,000	7,300	76.6	4.2	73.1
Apr-05	31,200	23,400	22,500	900	7,800	75.0	3.8	72.1
Apr-04	30,800	23,300	22,100	1,200	7,600	75.6	5.2	71.8
Apr-03	29,900	22,100	20,700	1,400	7,800	73.9	6.3	69.2

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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